

## CHAPTER 80

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**EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY**


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**HOUSE BILL 19-1153**

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also SENATOR(S) Donovan and Rankin, Bridges, Coram, Court, Crowder, Fields, Gardner, Ginal, Gonzales, Hill, Lee, Lundeen, Marble, Moreno, Pettersen, Priola, Story, Tate, Todd, Williams A., Winter, Zenzinger, Garcia.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENABLE LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES TO SERVE MORE STUDENTS.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-71-102, **amend** (1)(b)(I) as follows:

**23-71-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 71, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this section:

(I) Colorado mountain college, in addition to its mission as a local district college, may also offer ~~no more than five~~ A LIMITED NUMBER OF baccalaureate degree programs as its board of trustees determines appropriate to address the needs of the communities within its service area and that are approved by the Colorado commission on higher education. COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE SHOULD CONFER WITH REGIONAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF COOPERATIVE DELIVERY OF NEW BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS IN ADJACENT LOCALITIES.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-71-301, **add** (4) as follows:

**23-71-301. Direct grants to local college districts - occupational courses.**  
(4) (a) IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR GROUP OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS ANNEXED INTO AN EXISTING LOCAL COLLEGE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-71-128, FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ANNEXATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ANNUALLY CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THAT THE LOCAL COLLEGE DISTRICT'S DIRECT

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

GRANT, AFTER APPLYING ANY ADJUSTMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 23-18-304 (3), BE INCREASED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-18-304 (3)(b) TO RECOGNIZE INCREASES IN RESIDENT ENROLLMENT RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION PROCESS.

(b) PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING AN INCREASE TO A LOCAL COLLEGE DISTRICT'S DIRECT GRANT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AFFECTED LOCAL COLLEGE DISTRICT.

**SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 5, 2019